

TWO YEARS OF RELENTLESS POSITIVE ACTION

DAY 1	Rick Snyder sworn into office
4	First executive order, adding rural development to Dept of Agriculture's mission
6	Federal government permits Michigan to leverage up to \$2.2 billion from Canada's contribution to NITC as matching funds for road projects
19	Snyder delivers first State of the State address
31	Citizen's Guide to Michigan's Financial Health released
48	Snyder proposes balanced budget a month ahead of deadline
54	Office of Regulatory Reinvention created to reduce regulations
67	First bill: Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program strengthened
69	Stable funding source for Pure Michigan established
75	New early warning system created for local governments in financial distress
80	Local government reform plan unveiled
88	Outdated and costly item pricing law repealed
89	\$102.1 million in grants from Natural Resources Trust Fund authorized
117	Snyder unveils plan to reinvent Michigan's education system
145	Job-killing Michigan Business Tax eliminated
146	Budget approved by lawmakers - earliest completed in three decades
153	Banks to provide \$3 billion of loans for Michigan business expansions
159	MEDC, Varnum law firm offer \$1 million in free legal services for start-ups
171	Education Achievement Authority for failing schools announced
172	Budget signed into law
193	Payment-method restrictions on taxpayers eased
196	Governor signs law to combat illegal methamphetamine production
200	Teacher tenure reform makes it easier to keep effective teachers
202	Obsolete rules on paper prescriptions from doctors to pharmacists eliminated
208	Fitch Ratings agency improves Michigan rating outlook to "positive"
256	Minimum staff requirements removed from city, village and county charters
257	Snyder outlines his vision for a healthier Michigan
263	6% use tax on Medicaid managed care organizations eliminated
266	New panel commissioned to help promote and evolve state parks
270	Reforms approved for public employee health care benefit contributions
272	Snyder travels to China to strengthen relationships, attract new investments
249	Strict 48-month time limit on cash assistance benefits signed into law
279	Parole boards to notify prosecutors when a prisoner is set to be released
280	Snyder releases action plan on defending Michigan against cyber attacks
285	Bipartisan law banning partial-birth abortion enacted
286	Executive order calls for investigating improvements in indigent legal defense
291	Easier to catch criminals, stop from receiving welfare benefits, under new law
291	Snyder signs 200th bill into law, ends lawmaker lifetime health care benefits
293	Mortgage fraud protection legislation signed into law
299	Governor issues special message on improving Michigan's infrastructure
306	Michigan's economic health named second-best in the nation
312	Physician assistants take on more patient care responsibility under new law
322	Pure Michigan Business Connect expands; \$5 billion more in loan access
326	New law extends support to age 21 for youths aging out of foster care
333	School board election dates standardized, saving school districts millions
334	Court Equity Fund fully funded under new law
335	New law to eliminate red tape, reduce regulatory burdens on small businesses
336	Welfare exemption protected for people with disabilities
340	Anti-bullying bill signed into law
347	\$100 million in incentives for community / economic development programs
347	Obstacles removed for local governments working to consolidate services
349	Contracts approved for FY 2013 with all state employee unions
349	Reforms for state retiree health care; long-term unfunded liability reduced
353	Workers' comp and unemployment insurance systems updated
354	Charter school reforms give parents and students more options
354	Heat stays on for thousands of households in need
355	Program secured for patient record security among Medicaid providers
355	Snyder approves measures to enhance oversight of veterans programs
355	New film incentive program and battery production tax credit signed into law
356	Programs for crime victims strengthened
356	Homeowners see relief with new law that helps them avoid foreclosure
374	Snyder issues directive to promote government technology innovation
400	Governor's proposed FY 2013 budget strategically invests in state's future
403	More minority representation on juries encouraged under new law
403	Retired, volunteer optometrists can serve the uninsured under new law
403	Financially troubled school districts get assistance
417	Counties allowed to absorb county road commissions
420	Emergency funding allows Highland Park students to finish school year
420	Services for visually impaired residents improved under executive order
431	Insurance fraud protection bolstered under new law signed by Snyder
431	Illegal trafficking of prescription drugs targeted under new law
432	Snyder releases special message on public safety
438	Background checks required for workers who care for elderly
438	Role of graduate student research assistants at universities clarified
440	Schools prohibited from deducting union dues, service fees from paychecks
442	Snyder leads trade mission to Italy and Germany
447	Access to lakes protected from obstruction by illegal boating activities
452	Funding for state retiree benefits ensured under new law
455	Michigan enters multistate agreement regarding offshore wind energy.
460	Snyder commends Detroit City Council upon approval of consent agreement
469	Michigan gives motorcyclists option of wearing a helmet
474	Insurance support guaranteed for diagnosis and treatment of autism
487	Children get new protections from all sex offenders, including their parents
487	Cleanup process of contaminated underground tanks reformed
501	Cyber charter schools increased; more eligibility for dual enrollment
502	Snyder signs bill to aid low-income homeowners with poverty exemptions
508	Better wireless Internet access in rural areas made possible under new law
509	FY 2013 budget includes bulk of new funding for K-12; lower income taxes
509	Cell phone service providers can expand without added fees, special permits
522	Taxpayers can donate to Special Olympics through income tax return
524	At-fault drivers have increased liability for repair or replacement costs
529	Biological fathers' paternal rights bolstered under new law
532	Agreement with Canada on New International Trade Crossing announced
536	Dangerous synthetic drugs targeted, including K2 and Spice
536	Senior citizen protection, food safety regulations signed into law
537	Tax collection streamlined under new law
542	\$300 million committed to higher education construction projects
542	Safety of school bus passengers bolstered under new legislation
543	FY 2013 budget bills signed. Balanced and done early, second year in a row
543	New laws bolster fruit farmers, increase prison time for child abuse, prevent Bridge Card abuse, and raise kindergarten age
544	Services for people with disabilities enhanced under executive order
545	Voluntary work-share program provides an alternative to employee layoffs
545	Access to telemedicine promoted in new law
546	Income tax rate lowered; personal tax exemptions increased
549	Election reform legislation enacted
552	Bridge Cards kept out of prisoners' hands under new law
579	Nearly \$38 million in Natural Resources Trust Fund grants authorized
579	More flexibility for how state gives emergency loans to schools, cities
579	Relief to those at risk of losing homes to faulty foreclosure processes
580	Pathways to Potential neighborhood revitalization program announced
585	Sand dunes and rights of homeowners protected under new law
586	Emergency Financial Managers appointed in four cities, three school districts
601	Accord between State of Michigan and Indian tribes affirmed
601	New law ensures more effective use of taxpayer transportation dollars
613	Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System reformed
614	State employees invited to offer innovative ideas on "Bureaucracy Busters"
620	Sweeping reforms to Blue Cross Blue Shield proposed
629	Snyder begins China trade mission with opening of Michigan China Center
640	Mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years set for violent repeat offenders
648	More thorough and effective nursing home inspection process enacted
654	New protections for cities against false reports of crimes, other emergencies
662	Increased protection for young athletes from sports-related concussions
678	Snyder declares Hire a Veteran Month, announces career fairs for veterans
679	Michigan Cyber Range opens to help detect and prevent cyber attacks
696	Michigan Trade Office in Canada opens to promote trade, tourism
697	Marquette's Presque Isle Power Plant stays open under new agreement
698	Snyder delivers special message on energy and the environment
704	Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board created
711	Snyder signs Freedom to Choose legislation into law
718	Snyder calls for comprehensive review of issues related to gun violence
719	New law helps veterans gain employment in electrician and plumbing fields
719	Regional Transit Authority in Southeast Michigan created
719	New bills establish Detroit Lighting Authority, provide funding for Detroit's Eastern Market, and authorize DDA funding for new hockey arena
720	Fairer, more streamlined process for recalling elected officials enacted
720	Personal Property Tax, Severance Tax reformed; regulatory reforms enacted
721	Veterans can apply MP experience to obtaining work as private security guards
727	Organized Retail Crime Act enacted to protect consumers from retail fraud
727	Local governments receive new tools for solving fiscal crises
728	Michiganders get more privacy protections for private Internet accounts

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